UNIQUE ON-LINE PROVISIONING OF USER SYSTEMS ALLOWING USER AUTHENTICATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5   A provisioning system that secures delivery of a client's public key to a KDC (Key Distribution Center). The provisioning system comprises a client, uniquely identifiable by one or more parameters including a user ID (identification); a provisioning server for registering the client; a key distribution center for generating a provisioning key associated with the user ID, the provisioning key being forwarded to the provisioning server; the

10   provisioning server generating configuration parameters for initializing the client, the provisioning key being included in the configuration parameters; and upon initialization, the client provides its public key, authenticated with the provisioning key for forwarding to the key distribution center.

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